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LAST CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

TODAY is the last day when citizens can volunteer for the fight for good government. The registration places opened at 7 o'clock this morning and with the exception of the three hours from 1 to 4 o'clock they will be open until 10 o'clock tonight.

DANGEROUS REMEDIES

SERIOUS as the shortage of houses is and the trouble is one that existed even before the war and the high cost of labor and material—the remedy proposed by a committee of builders in this city cannot be regarded as a wise one. What some of the men in the real estate business propose can be interpreted as meaning nothing less than a partial ban on government work in this vicinity with a view to releasing labor, and, what is more, reducing wages.

EXIT REDFIELD

MR. REDFIELD was one of the members of the Wilson cabinet who did not shine. He did not even glimmer. There were two reasons why the Department of Commerce contributed nothing of importance to the general philosophy of industry in a time when it should have functioned as the most important division of the government aside from those directly concerned with the prosecution of the war.

tasks that normally should have been disposed of in his department. The administration permitted him to be steam-rollered whenever the necessity arose—and frequently when it didn't. Mr. Redfield ought to be glad to leave Washington. And the people who sense the need for an original and capable and courageous man at the head of the Department of Commerce in these days of readjustment and reconstruction ought to be glad to see him go.

FOUR RESERVATIONS WHICH TEST MR. WILSON'S SINCERITY

His Support of the Treaty Will Be Finely Convincing If He Frankly Admits Their Clarifying Virtues Which Speed the Signing

SOMEWHAT testily the President told his Indianapolis audience that the opponents of the league of nations were facing a case of "put up or shut up." Obviously this is true. Those who profess a zeal for international peace and at the same time an abhorrence of the present plan for preserving it are revealed as hypocrites and spiteful partisans unless they come forward with some machinery of their own.

MOORE AND THE HOUSING ISSUE

CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S speech on sanitation ought to have been made in South Philadelphia instead of west of the Schuylkill. Many alleys in that part of the city are filled with squalid buildings, out of repair, with no sanitary conveniences. So long as people can be induced to live in them their owners will apparently allow it, disregarding all the sanitary regulations. The poor, who occupy the houses because they can find no better ones within their means, are helpless. They are dependent entirely upon the authorities in the City Hall.

What Fate Is

History is written without any regard to dramatic sequence. Things are managed ever so much better in novels. Today we celebrate the 162d anniversary of the birth of Lafayette, to whom our young republic was greatly indebted. On board the Lexington in mid-Atlantic is one who, in the name of his country, discharged that debt. Fate is destined to land General Pershing in New York in the next few days. But if Fate had any sense of dramatic values she would land him in Philadelphia in time to see the Washington-Lafayette flag raised over Independence Hall, and then to participate in the famous parade with which he is credited. "Lafayette, we were there!"

Round and Round!

Senator Overman introduced an amendment to the prohibition enforcement bill exempting drink-cure sanitariums from the rigidity of restrictions against the administration of liquor by doctors' prescriptions. The only hope, therefore, for the lover of hard liquor is to break into a drink-cure sanitarium and there absorb enough booze to enable him to qualify for admission. Can this be the vicious circle political economists speak about?

CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

Playgrounds Endangered by Politics Gossip About Adolphus G. Buvinger, John H. Rankin, Major Chew and Others

IT IS the belief of Joseph Wood Wagner, president of the Playgrounds Association of Philadelphia, and his opinion is supported by Otto Mallery and Montgomery Harris, Philadelphia has a chance to become the playground city of the United States if politics is not permitted to enter into the direction of these recreation centers. Any one who has given consideration to the problem of congestion in large cities can understand the interest and concern of these gentlemen with respect to the work they and their associates have at heart. Playgrounds for children should not become the sport of politics. Wherever they do fall into the hands of politicians, the standards are lowered, because political appearances, as a rule, do not take the same interest in the welfare of the children as do those who have been specially trained for the work.

ADOLPHUS G. BUVINGER, of the

Builders' Exchange, holds the record as a trustee and "general welfare" of Apollo Lodge, F. and A. M., of which William L. Magee of Cobbs' Creek Parkway, is now worshipful master. One of the old timers in this lodge is William Eisenbrown, war horse of the Democratic party and magistrate for many years. Its chaplain is H. Cresson McHenry, whose work in the river wards has made him the particular friend of the unfortunate. The long list of great masters of Apollo includes some of the best known men in the fraternity. George W. Seeds, of the Thirty-second ward, was one.

SECRETARY WILSON, of the Department

of Labor, has given assurance to those interested in the retention of the Philadelphia immigration station at Gloucester that the transfer to New York would not be made as originally announced. It seems that the buildings at Gloucester are in need of repairs, especially with regard to sanitation, and that the number of detained persons during the war has been so few as scarcely to warrant the number of government employes retained on the job. J. S. W. Holton, of the Maritime Exchange, P. F. Young, of the International Mercantile Marine Lines, and George F. Sproule, of the commission of navigation, may, therefore, government expenses must be reduced, but the Philadelphians hold that the closing of their immigration station, against which they fought so hard and strenuously, would be a poor alternative.

JOHN HALL RANKIN, one of Philadelphia's

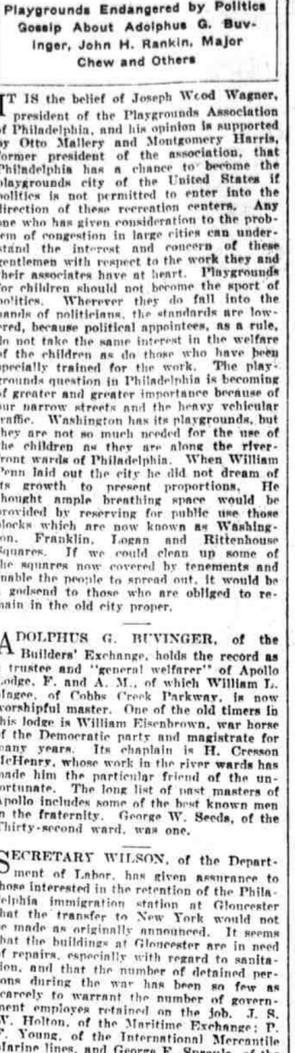
leading architects, is recruiting that residence just over the City Line prevents his taking part in the mayoralty campaign. Mr. Rankin belongs to that group of Philadelphians who believe in so developing our traffic facilities that existing congestion may be relieved and life on the high-way may be a little more safe. The new city charter contemplates a planning commission and other features that are bound to attract the attention of progressive and forward-thinking men.

JAMES F. DALEY, who does not

hesitate to take a hand in political affairs and crack a head wherever he sees it, is still the same old "Dexter" he was in years gone by when making up the form under the eagle eye of Jim Dailey, foreman of George W. Child's fine force of typewriters. Dexter Dailey has always been outspoken on the liquor question, but he never hesitated in private talk or in public print to tell what he thought about the fellow who flayed the saloon and reserved a drink or two on the side. Dexter has always had a suspicion that the German, close by the new town of "Yorkship," and every time a new vessel comes up the Delaware, it is grieved to his mill. The major believes in a great port, and knows what it means when a new transportation line establishes itself here. The major has been a booster for a good many years, and when he drops over into the vicinity of the New York shipbuilding plant they take off their hats to him as a man of vision. The major remembers Newton creek as a sluggish, meandering stream with splat-terlocks all about it. Now it is a straight, modern, with shipways and large structural enterprises.

EXPLAINING WHY THIS TIME O' YEAR IS RIGHTLY TERMED

"THE FALL"



THE CHAFFING DISH

Do You Know? One of the fine things about Kansas City which the Chamber of Commerce has omitted to tell the world is that there is not a single vice here post living there. Or, for that matter, not a pot of any kind.

Haze Strips for Action

A. H. Woods has ordered Hazel Dawn to return to Chicago to be ready to resume her role in "Tip in Mable's Room" in that city.—News item.

General Pershing will lead the New York

parade on his war charger. And we assume that Major General David Shanks, military commander of the port, will follow on his justly famous mare.

Have a Harte

We wonder how many of those who have been to see "The Outcasts of Poker Flat" in the movies think it was written by William S. Hart?

We Make No Comment

J. St. G. J. comments thus upon our observation that the left sole wears through before the right: The sole reason is that it does more work. When ordered to march, soldiers invariably start with the left foot and also halt on it. Ninety-nine per cent of civilians start walking with the left foot. When seated a man in ninety-nine cases out of one hundred puts his right leg over the left and adgets with left foot.

Or George Cress?

We often wonder whether the great men are Really Human. By which we mean, when they happen to overhear some one whistling a popular tune (for instance, I Was Only Blowing Bubbles) do they automatically begin to hum it themselves, and carry it on for a few bars? Would Colonel House do that?

What, Never?

I don't want anybody to remember, so far as this errand is concerned, that it is ever spelled with a big D.—President Wilson.

Remember Captain Corcoran in "Pinafore"?

"I never use a big, big D!"

The undertakers say that they will shortly

have to raise the price of funerals. It might be as well to suggest to the kaiser that now is the time to take advantage of the old rates.

Meditations of a Fat Man

Why is it (alas) that all those resolutions not to eat any more doughnuts are formed only after the event?

Still, we believe in the survival of the fittest.

One of the correspondents on the President's train informs the world that owing to the impossibility of stopping long enough to have any washing done, they all had to provide themselves with thirty shirts and collars.

So perhaps the incensed C'nanaman at

Columbus was a disappointed landryman. SOCRATES.

There's no room in Camden today for

anybody but patriots.

The Profiteers

WAS it not ever so? All wars that were Had both a grim reverse and glorious face: To nobler things the noble fell the spur, But base and craven hearts grew yet more base.

No war was ever ended but remained

The unclear foe that preyed upon the state; And, since he had no honor to be stained, Gave rein to greed. So have we seen but late.

What need to name them—they who are

our foes— Who hold the gifts of Ceres far aloof, And shrink the poor man's loaf? And they are those Who trust the poor man from beneath a roof! Seems this not War—even while we murmur "Peace"? Who shall its slaves and trampled ones release? —Edith M. Thomas in the New York Times.

A recent order by Marshal Foch

doubling the amount of territory in the Rhineland to be policed by American troops indicates that two regiments which recently left Camp Taylor, Ky., and Camp Dix, N. J., for overseas duty are destined to provide the new works for the watch on the Rhine.

Four fishermen agree that Lelperville,

Delaware county, is haunted. They all had to run for their lives. One was chased by a wild man; one by a huge German carp that ran along the ground on its fins; one by a bird not unlike an ostrich, and one by a four-legged creature somewhat resembling a hyena. Strange, isn't it, how many different kinds of queer fish can be caught with one can of bait?

What Do You Know?

- QUIZ
1. What is a casuist?
2. Does the peace treaty in its present form mention the Monroe Doctrine?
3. Where is the Welland Canal?
4. Who was William Tanner?
5. Which country has the larger population, Belgium or the Netherlands?
6. How do the correct English and the American pronunciations of the word "been" differ?
7. What are goldlocks?
8. For what animal is "Neddy" a personal name?
9. How long have the Virgin Islands been in American possession?
10. Who composed the music of the opera "Louise"?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Hussein Ruzhdil Pasha is the present premier of Egypt.
2. Senator Hitchcock is from Nebraska.
3. Amphibologous means quibbling, ambiguous.
4. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" appeared nine years before the Civil War, in 1852.
5. Columbus Day is observed as a holiday in some states on October 12.
6. The "Blue Peter," indicating that a ship is about to sail, takes its last name from a corruption of the French word "partir," to depart.
7. Erse is the Highland Gaelic language. It is also sometimes used to mean the native Irish tongue.
8. The President delivered the first address on his nation-wide tour on behalf of the treaty in Columbus, O.
9. A peri is a fairy, originally in Persian mythology.
10. The specter was formerly regarded as the spirit of ill humor and melancholy.